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Under T.C.A. § 47-18-2901 counties must create safeguards to ensure the security of personal information on laptop computers and other removable storage devices. Failure to comply with this requirement creates a cause of action against the county if identity theft results. Also, T.C.A. § 47-18-2107 requires any holder of computerized personal information that is confidential to disclose any breach of the security of the system to any resident of Tennessee whose personal information was, or is reasonably believed to have been, acquired by an unauthorized person.

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